

**Amendments to the Specification:**

*Please amend the paragraph (section) beginning on page 1, at line 7 as shown below:*

The operation of motors, such as switched reluctance motors, induction motors, DC motors, permanent magnet synchronous motors, and salient pole synchronous motors, are well known in the art.

*Please amend the paragraph (section) beginning on page 4, at line 4 as shown below:*

FIGURE 10 is a perspective view of a pumping motor having skewed rotor laminations with a stator concentrically located within a rotor according to the present invention; ~~and~~

*Please amend the paragraph (section) beginning on page 4, at line 8 as shown below:*

FIGURE 11 is a flow chart for a method of pumping fluid with a rotor having skewed rotor laminations according to the present invention~~[[.]]; and~~

*Please add the paragraph (section) beginning on page 4, at line 11 as shown below:*

Figure 12 is a perspective view of a pumping motor having skewed stator and rotor laminations and a conduit according to the present invention.

*Please amend the paragraph (section) beginning on page 6, at line 22 as shown below:*

The configuration of stator laminations 18 typically mirrors that of rotor 14. Meaning, stator 12 may have straight or curved poles 20. As shown in Figure 12, stator 12 is skewed to mirror the skewed rotor 14. However, and depending on performance requirements, stator 12 is skewable in arrangements different from rotor 14. For example, when stator laminations 20 are not skewed in accordance with rotor laminations 24, the difference in respective configurations can be used to effect torque pulsation.

*Please amend the paragraph (section) beginning on page 7, at line 17 as shown below:*

As shown in Figure 5, conduit 16 typically comprises tube 36. Tube 36 is inserted between rotor 12 and stator 14 and attachable to stator 14 by a number of methods, including: a press-fit, a bolt, a tongue and groove, and a crimp. ~~As shown in Figure 6[[,]]~~ shows that tube 36 may also include interlocks 38 that extend into stator gaps 40. The extension of interlocks 38 into stator gaps 40 necessitates shaping interlocks 38 to match any skewing of stator 14. If interlocks 38 are skewed, tube 36 is rotated as it is inserted between rotor 12 and stator 14 to accommodate the curved extension of interlocks 38 traveling along stator gaps 40 during insertion.